

## Rugby 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Level 3 – Judge Claire Price scribe: Kaye Littlehailes

Thank you to Ann Jordan & Rugby DTC for inviting me to judge Level 3 – it was a lovely show and you looked after me and my scribe very well. Thank you Claire Coughlan-Khan as CRS for your guidance. A huge thank you to my fabulous scribe Kaye Littlehailes – for not only scribing efficiently but also ensuring this slightly incapacitated judge managed to get there.

Thank you to all that took on my course today, I hope that you enjoyed it. It was designed with the intention of offering teams just venturing in to Level 3, some confidence in tackling the new exercises. My overall impression was that the standard was generally good, and teams tackled the course with gusto. However, the spiral proved a very costly sign for a number of teams.

Today was clearly Terrier day in my class – with 3 fabulous terriers taking the top 3 spots. 1st Marney Wells – Dazmarnic Firefly at Copyhold – (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) – 208 - What a team – so much style and attitude! Worked an absolutely cracking round giving me very little to mark. Congratulations!

2nd Marney Wells – Gnobulls Firecracker at Copyhold – (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) – 206 - What a stunner – such a happy boy with so much enthusiasm, an absolute delight to judge. This judge is a little in love & could have quite happily taken him home – that waggy tail & face smiling at mum in the bonus! Congratulations!

3rd Vanessa Byrne – Little Miss Tonka – (Carin Terrier) – 201 - Another cracking terrier – such a happy girl who enthusiastically took on the course, wagging her tail the whole way. Gave me very little to mark, with only a few minor errors, mainly coming from a loss of attention. Congratulations!

4th Helen Chetwynd – Light The Blue Touch Paper – (Working Sheepdog) – 190  
Firstly, I'd like to apologise for the error that saw you missing out on the presentation – though I'm glad we managed to resolve it so that you got your well deserved placing. This team worked a happy enthusiastic round – not sure who was smiling more at who! The points were mainly lost on a couple of costly errors on a couple of left signs. One of the few teams to not lose anything on the spiral. Congratulations!

5th Mapp – Magic Mystic Snowdon – (Working Sheepdog) – 189 -A very good, steady round – Aside from a couple of costly errors, the main points were lost on additional commands. Watch out for the hand taping. Congratulations!

6th Anne Botterill – Crossbreed) – 187 - This team did an absolutely beautiful spiral – the best of the day! Such a shame that they got thrown towards the end of the course and started losing the points mainly due to additional commands. Give Charley a chance to react & don't be too quick to extra commands. Congratulations!

Special mentions –

Challans – Sawaran Dreamer – Pyrenean Sheepdog. I wanted to thank you for your display of great sportsmanship today. You worked a very good round with a few costly errors – so the placings won't be far away.

Sue Brown – Indy Go of Delphinia – Pomeranian This team may not have got a qualifier today but they showed so much enthusiasm, attitude and style I wanted to give them a special mention – as I felt I was witnessing the emergence of a future Rally star! Keep going the way you are and the Rosettes/Qualifiers are going to start flowing in.

To my class – congratulations to all who qualified, to those that didn't quite make it today – keep training & having fun with your dogs and I'm sure your time will come. I look forward to seeing you at future shows.